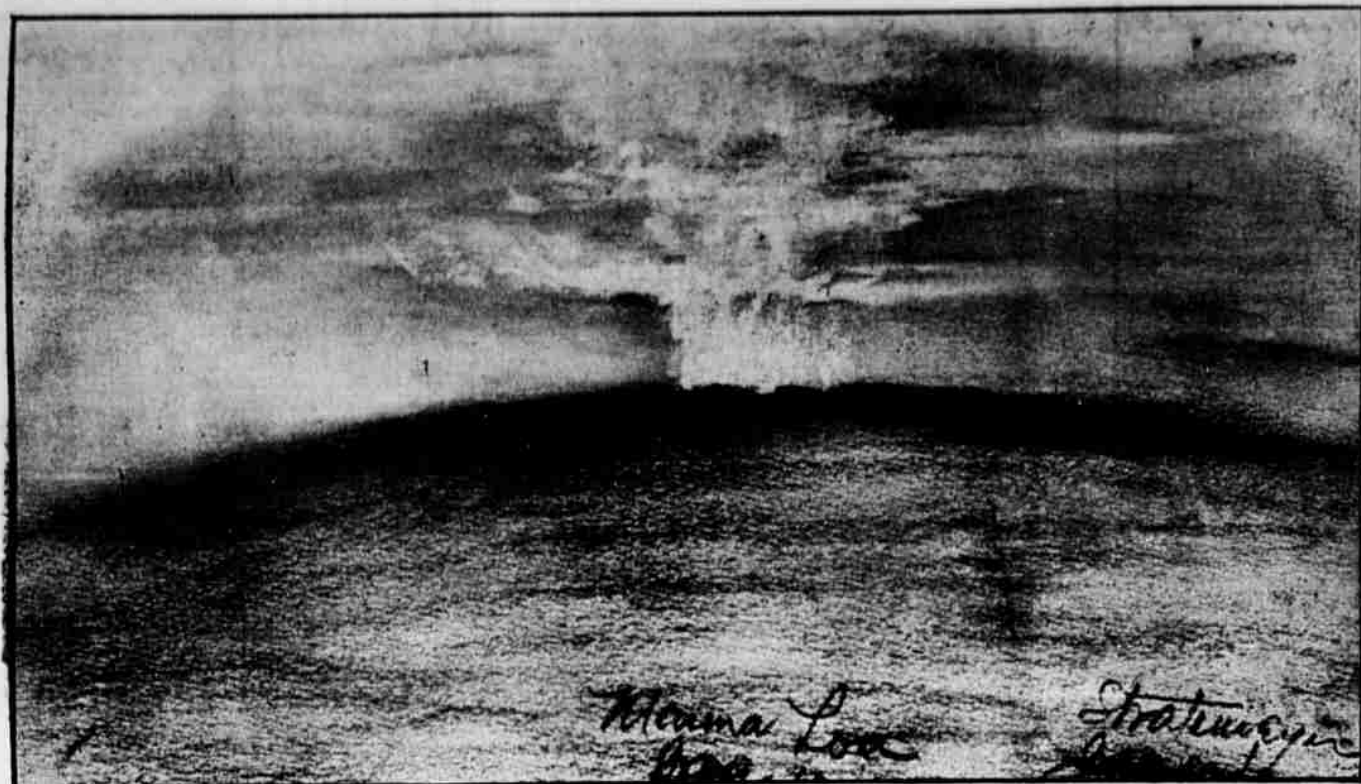


THE VOLCANO FIRES WERE A GRAND SIGHT



MAUNA LOA'S LATEST ERUPTION.

—Sketch by Stratmeyer.

Dr. A. B. Clark returned from Hilo on the Kinau, having been there at the time of the outbreak.

"I was visiting my daughter, Mrs. W. T. Balding, at Wainaku," he said yesterday, "and about midnight, Thursday, I was awakened with the rest of the household by the Japanese servant crying fire. I immediately jumped out of bed, for the red glare was so bright that I thought the fire must be close at hand. A moment later the same boy called out that the volcano had broken out.

"The night was grand, as clear as a bell after a light rain early in the evening and the mercury low enough to make life in Hilo real. As soon as we could get on clothing we went upon the veranda of the J. A. Scott residence, across the road and at a slightly higher elevation than at Mr. Balding's.

There, we had a magnificent view—the glow above Mauna Loa was so bright and so clearly defined, the light covering the extreme limit of the crater, in two distinct columns, that we were able to distinguish a complete outline of the mountain.

"Occasionally the glow would grow brighter but at no time did we see fountains playing. That would be impossible while the crater is so deep and so far back from the Hilo side of the plateau at the top of Mauna Loa. It was one of the grandest sights I ever witnessed, but it did not continue long.

"As we were going to the steamer on Friday a message was received at the drug store that lava was flowing down toward Kahuku ranch, on the Kau side, the break being at a low elevation and in the vicinity of previous flows."

Gone to Lunch, Will Return Soon

G. C. Charles and family have scraped the Honolulu mud from their shoes and flown northward and eastward so silently and carefully that their departure was not heralded. Mr. Charles is the man who proposed to revolutionize business on Fort street in the vicinity of Beretania a few months ago and draw the trade from other sections. But he didn't make good and at this writing he is probably communing with Neptune for, with his family, consisting of a wife with two interesting daughters and one son, he left on the Moana at three o'clock yesterday afternoon.

Charles came here about a year ago and engaged with the Hawaiian Star as a canvasser. He was in charge of the subscription department as well as advertising but he failed to satisfy his employers and was released from his engagement several months ago. At that time he whispered to some of his acquaintances that there was a barrel of money in the patent medicine business, all it required being a few thousand dollars' capital for advertising and a few herbs. None of the acquaintances became sufficiently interested to put up the coin.

He was idle only a short time when he confided to one of the same acquaintances that he had been lucky in the week just passed and had come into a bit of money which he thought he would invest in business, something in the bargain line. The Honolulu Bargain Store in the Progress block was the result of the lunch. In a little while a small stock of gentlemen's furnishings and kitchenware was placed on the shelves but Charles proved unimpressive as a salesman. With the addition of other lines he pressed into service Mrs. Charles, her two daughters, a soda fountain, several jars of plain candies and some of a better variety. He made a spurge on his ice cream, which was very good, and talked to his patrons about an automobile service which failed to materialize.

About the holidays he gave it out that one firm had agreed to supply him with the largest stock of toys ever seen in Honolulu and advertised to that effect, but he overestimated the amount. The wife and daughters seemed like very nice people. They were interested in the meetings at the penitentiary held by J. M. Martin and took part on the programs presented there on Sunday afternoons. Today they may be holding meetings on the Moana with Charles as the bad example. Nobody knows.

As to the source of his capital opinions and statements vary. He seemed to have some inside information on Theosophy and was an occasional attendant at the meetings of the local society. It was said that at one of the meetings he met a lady and so impressed her with his ability to make money if he only had some thing to make it with, that she expressed a willingness to let him have a thousand if he could get along with that. What suited Charles best was the fact that she did not insist that he go through the formality of furnishing security. Some days afterward she was in conversation with some friends and her financial transactions were mentioned. The next day Charles was asked for security and he very promptly gave his notes at one and two years for five hundred each, without interest.

Yesterday passers by the store noticed a scrap of paper pasted up on which was written "Gone to lunch, will return soon." That told the story, for Charles and his family had gone. Wall, Nichols Co. say the man got goods from them on consignment and left owing them \$500. He bought from The Palm most of the candy he had in stock and owes them a balance of \$35.35. In the store can be seen through the doors a few toys, some ribbons, leather samples and leather art work and a few jars of candies. As the Moana pulled out the family of Charles were on the deck but Charles was not visible.

INJUNCTION STANDS FIRE

Judge De Bolt, in a lengthy decision on Saturday morning, overruled the demurrer of James W. Pratt, Commissioner of Public Lands, to the bill in equity for an injunction brought against him by L. L. McCandless.

He allows the respondent ten days "to file such further or other answer or pleading to the bill as he may be advised, otherwise the writ to be made permanent." This would appear to leave an opening for further fighting of the injunction by Attorney General Peters and Deputy Attorney General Milverton, but the next to the concluding paragraph of the decision leaves it hard to see any line within the law—as Judge De Bolt finds it—on which there is anything left to be said, unless in the appellate court. For this is the sweeping statement of the judge's conclusions:

"Having reached the conclusion that the facts set forth in the bill are sufficient to warrant a decree for the relief prayed for, and that the complainant had the right to bring this suit, as well as the right to maintain the same, and that the proposed exchange of the public lands described in the bill for other lands is unlawful, illegal and unwarranted, the demurrer, therefore, is overruled."

WANT HALF A MILLION FOR HONOLULU HARBOR

(Mail Special to the Advertiser.) WASHINGTON, D. C., December 31.—The attention of Hawaiians in Washington continues to be devoted chiefly to the House Committee on Rivers and Harbors, where the biennial appropriation bill is being framed. They have been able to play only a waiting game during the holidays, as all the necessary documents are not yet in. It is expected that the bill will be made up within a week or two, although experience has shown that the committee is often much longer than its members anticipate in making up that measure. A half million dollars will probably be asked for further improvements in Honolulu harbor, but the prospects for getting that much are very slim. ERNEST G. WALKER.

A KALAUPAPA LIGHTHOUSE.

The following bill, introduced at long range by Mr. Kalaniana'ole, has been referred to the House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there shall be established by the Secretary of Commerce and Labor a lighthouse of the first order, under plans prepared by the Lighthouse Board, to be located at Kalaupapa, on the north coast of the Island of Molokai, Territory of Hawaii, together with a keeper's house and all necessary equipment, at a cost not to exceed sixty thousand dollars; and this sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary for this purpose, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

JAPS MAY CALL FIRST.

In 1915, all the fleets of the world will come here to help commemorate the discovery of the Pacific Ocean, but Japan's navy may come a little earlier. If San Francisco still wears her usual back-bone.—S. F. News-Letter.

TWENTY-TWO JAP HOTELS AND THREE MORE BUILDING

There is money in running a Japanese hotel in Honolulu just now. There is even more money in it than there was in those times a couple of years ago when the hotelkeeper was also a recruiting agent, openly, for mainland employers and secured a commission of from \$15 to \$20 on each of the Japanese they shipped out of the country, in addition to what they received from the other end of the line. A year ago there were eleven regular Japanese hotels doing business in Honolulu; today there are twenty-two and there are three more big ones being built. And each of these hotels is doing a big business. Every night sees most of them crowded with patrons, some of the largest ones having at times as many as two hundred guests.

Formerly all the Japanese hotels here were controlled by a single company, amounting to practically a trust, but the increased business of the past twelve months has induced opposition, another strong hui entering the business and having now over half the trade. These hotels are not supported by the resident Japanese, but solely by those coming into the country and by those drifting in from the plantations

preparing to leave for the newer pastures of the Coast. The fact that the hotels of the new hui are receiving almost all the patronage of the latest comers among the Japanese is told by those in touch with the Japanese situation here as a fact worthy of significance.

The law restricting the recruiting of labor for the mainland has shut off the commissions of many of the hotelkeepers, although it is stated by a prominent Japanese that, despite the law, many of the hotels have their runners out among the camps inducing the laborers to leave, picturing the better times in store for all who can manage to reach San Francisco. The recent notice sent out by the Japanese Consul General, advising the laborers here not to leave the Territory for a time at least, until the San Francisco school trouble has been settled, will have, says the same authority, no effect whatever upon those to whom it is addressed. During the months of February, March and April it is expected that many recruiting agents from the Coast will be at work among the Hawaiian Japanese and an extra large emigration Coastwards may be expected.

ALICE MACKINTOSH MEMORIAL FUND

Relative to the proposed "Alice Mackintosh memorial," a business man of this city says: "The plan to use the fund for the addition of a spire to the proposed Episcopal cathedral is good, but it is not the memorial Mrs. Mackintosh would suggest, were she alive, when there is a crying need for a children's hospital. To endow the 'Alice Mackintosh Children's Hospital' would be establishing an institution on a line with her sympathies and life work. "There is a crying need here for such an institution and there is no question of the promoters being able to secure all of the money necessary."

A BAD PORTO RICAN.

Justino Rodriguez, a malihini Porto Rican, who arrived in the Territory by the ship Emily F. Whitney, is in trouble through his desire to get a living without working for it. Rodriguez left his ship, of which he had been cabin boy, at Maui. After spending some few days there he won the affections of a Porto Rican girl and brought her to Honolulu with him, promising to take her to San Francisco. Instead of carrying out his promise he is said to have tried to force her into a life of shame here. He was arrested last night on another charge, however, being suspected of being the Maui burglar, for whom the police are searching. On that suspicion he was brought to the station and was searched, the inevitable razor being found in his outside coat pocket. His protestations of innocence regarding the girl led to an investigation, the facts being brought out as stated. At present he is being held for investigation, but it is probable that an ugly charge will be laid against him before court time tomorrow morning.

JUDGE HIGHTON'S FUNERAL.

Mrs. Henry E. Highton arrived in the steamer Alameda and will return to the Coast in the Korea about Friday. Honolulu Commandery, K. T., will send the body of the late Judge Highton forward in the Alameda on Wednesday, when appropriate masonic services will be held. The reason for choosing the Alameda is that her sailing time is definite, while that of the Korea is not. Mrs. Highton has consented to the arrangement.

FIFTY THOUSAND JAPANESE AT WORK IN ARSENALS

NEW YORK, December 30.—An English engineer, at present stopping in New York, en route from Tokyo to London, who for three years enjoyed the opportunities of observation by virtue of his business relations with the Japanese War Office, today gave facts concerning Japan's reserve war strength in relation to arsenal and shipyard production.

Since the war, he said, the War Office in Tokyo has been chary of admitting foreigners to a knowledge of what is being done in the manufacture of war material. Outside of possible information gathered by the secret agents of the European war offices, the world at large has no conception of the high-pressure work going on in all the war factories of Japan, nor is anything known of the facilities the factories possess for the scientific production of instruments of war. Japan has two military arsenals, employing approximately 50,000 workmen. These arsenals have extra night shifts, and at times are run week in and week out continuously.

The empire operates four shipyards and naval arsenals. In two of them battle-ships have been built and are now building. Aside from these is the government steel works for the production of armor plate and material for big guns, a government powder factory and two auxiliary private shipyards and dry docks capable of being used for war purposes within twenty-four hours. England is furnishing Japan most of its steel.

ROBBED A TILL.

The store of Yow Lee in Kakaako burglarized at an early hour last night and a small amount of money, consisting of Kakaako dollars and half dollars, was taken. The place was entered through a window some time before 9 o'clock, while the proprietor was out delivering some goods. Yesterday being payday at the Honolulu Iron Works, near which the store is located, Yow Lee had had a considerable amount of gold in his till, but had secreted this before going out. The thief had evidently known of this money, for a systematic search of the store and the sleeping room had been made, but the money was not found. It is suspected that someone familiar with the store and the habits of the proprietor is the thief.

Advice to a Poor Soul

As to "A poor soul in doubt" of Advertiser Jan. 6th, 1907.

It is sad to notice the poor consolation the doubting soul got at the door of the Advertiser. It reminds me of the saying about the blind man guiding the blind and both fell into the pit. In my opinion it is hardly possible to confess more truly, more logically, and more eloquently the utmost bankruptcy of Protestant Christianity. From its fruits learn the tree.

The credit for this situation belongs entirely to Martin Luther, the father of Protestantism, the religious evolutionist who invented the principle of "private judgment," declared it every body's spiritual guide to follow instead of the infallible teachings of the church. It is this new, and therefore false, principle which has taken the peoples down from the safe, healthy and lightful palace of the Catholic church through the many lower floors of divers denominations to the dark basements of universal doubt and rank infidelity. Luther's so-called reformation was the foolishly action of a captain, who on the open sea throws overboard the magnetic needle which was his best friend, his guide, his ever sure reliance to steer by. Deny the papal infallibility, deny the authority of the church, her right to teach you, and your obligation to obey her, and your greatest punishment will be that you are left alone to your own poor light which is darkness. To your own wisdom, which is foolishness. You may not realize it right away, your eyes are shut towards the real danger of your situation, because your vessel seems to be running—but in what direction? This, heaven knows. For yourself, you do not. Nothing but doubt surrounds you. Where did I come from? Where am I going to? There is a God; yes, but where to find Him? The blind guide of the Advertiser does not know. Therefore, poor doubting soul, oh please, give a serious consideration to the arguments which the Catholic church holds out. They will show you where light is to be found for your consolation. They will show you where to find Jesus, the light of the world, the peace of mind for men of good will. You will find out that there is a vessel running, just one of its kind, on the ocean of this world to take passengers over to the shores of a happy eternity. The vessel is perfect in every way, safely built, richly equipped, manned with a devoted crew, commanded by a skillful master and mind you, provided in its pilot-room with a magnetic needle which under the supernatural influence of the Holy Ghost points out to the captain at all times the right direction of truth and righteousness. It is the one, holy, catholic, apostolic church. Conditions of admission are: Faith in the Christian revelation as explained by the church, the keeping of the commandments and reception of the sacraments. These conditions are easy for men of good will, their accomplishment will dispel your doubts, make you happy and save your soul.

JAMES C. BEISSEL.

When a hole has been jammed in the wall paper, as sometimes occurs in moving a piece of furniture, if one has no paper like that on the wall, or dislikes the appearance of a patch, a judicious use of water colors will work wonders. The torn paper should be first straightened as neatly as possible and glued down. Then touch up the vacant spaces and the seams with paints the color of the paper at that place. The break will be almost invisible if the water colors are used carefully. In patching wall paper always tear the patch irregularly instead of cutting it, unless it is the full strip. The edge will be less noticeable.

ALLEGED HONOLULUAN IN TROUBLE AT PHILADELPHIA

The following is from a Philadelphia paper and concerns a Dr. Kuehn, who claims to have once been a physician of Queen Liliuokalani. Inquiry about him was made at Washington Place last night and Her Majesty stated that "the name was quite foreign to her" and that she had "never employed a Dr. Kuehn." Does anyone recall him as a former resident of these islands?

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 18.—Miss Ida May Miller, the half-million dollar heiress whom Dr. Rolando Kuehn, physician to Father Damien and Queen Liliuokalani, is charged with hiding, has, in all probability, been in Philadelphia for the last two months—in fact, ever since the time that she disappeared. During that time she has been in the Friends' Asylum, an institution for the insane at Frankford, according to friends, who say they have seen her there, and have positively identified her. Early this morning Dr. Kuehn, who yesterday announced that Miss Miller was his wife, and was on her way home from Europe, disappeared. As he was vanishing the relatives of Miss Miller, or Mrs. Kuehn, who are going to proceed under the lunacy clause of the will of the girl's father and confiscate, if possible, her estate, announced that the physician had a wife in Nicaragua, and that, therefore, they would not have to declare the marriage of Dr. Kuehn void by law.

SILENCE AT ASYLUM.

Dr. William Chase, chief physician of

the Friends' Asylum, absolutely declined to give any information as to Miss Miller. He did not seem surprised when the question was put to him, but took refuge behind the rule of the institution that nothing could be said of private patients. One of the physicians, however, said: "Are the police after Miss Miller? If so, what do they want of her?" But whether she was there he refused to affirm or deny. All the other physicians and attendants took the same stand. Not one of them would deny that the girl was there, but one and all hid behind the rule of the institution that affairs of inmates could not be discussed.

SAW HEIRESS PROMENADING.

The friends who saw and identified Miss Miller while walking in the asylum grounds will lay their information tomorrow before her relatives. As late as yesterday morning she was seen. The house at 1219 South Fifteenth street is being put in order as though to receive the heiress. Andrew McNeil, one of her cousins, said tonight that he had positive evidence that Miss Miller had never been in Ireland and that she had been placed in a private insane asylum by Kuehn immediately after he married her. "Kuehn's plan," he said, "was this: He brought Ida from the asylum secretly, and then announced that he had smuggled her in from the steamer to avoid the publicity. He was banking on improvement of her condition to let him work the game through."

GET MAJOR FINE FOR SERVING MINORS

Jacinto Miguel, proprietor of the Kakaako Saloon, and Ah Choy, bartender at the Flag of All Nations Saloon, were found guilty in the police court yesterday of selling liquor to a minor, and were fined \$250 and \$100, respectively, by Judge Whitney. Attorney Straus noted an appeal to the Circuit Court in each case.

Anti-Saloon League Agent John Martin worked up the Miguel case and he and Constable Lake put the Ah Choy matter through.

In the course of one of the cases Attorney Straus asked Martin, who was in the witness-box, if he had ever been in the penitentiary.

"Three times," admitted Martin; "in Sing Sing, San Quentin, and here."

"And what for, if I may be permitted to ask such a question?" queried Straus gleefully.

"I was fixing them up," answered the Anti-Saloon League agent, good naturedly; "San Quentin needed whitewash awful bad."

And then they all laughed.

CROUP.

A reliable medicine and one that should always be kept in the home for immediate use is Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It will prevent the attack if given as soon as the child becomes hoarse, or even after the croupy cough appears. There is no danger in giving it to children, for it contains no opium or other harmful drug. For sale by Benson, Smith & Co., Ltd., agents for Hawaii.

LAND ON KAUAI SOLD TO M'BRYDE

An agreement of sale was made with Walter McBryde Friday by the Commissioner of Public Lands, the Governor approving, for the Kukulolono lot of the Kalahoe land, Kauai. The price is \$84, of which the purchaser deposits one-tenth, or \$8.40, on the signing of the papers.

It is conditioned in the agreement that the grantee is to plant 30,000 trees on the land, at the rate of 3000 a year, and at the end of ten years the government will give him a deed to the lot.

The only purpose of the sale, it is stated, is to conserve the forest and the water supply. Situated on the summit of a hill opposite the McBryde homestead at Wahiawa, the Kukulolono lot was once clothed with forest. It became denuded in later times and is now described as bare and barren.

The Kalahoe tract, out of which the Kukulolono lot is taken, contains about 4000 acres of cane, kula and mountain land, and is under a lease to McBryde Sugar Co. dated Feb. 15, 1859, expiring Feb. 15, 1909. Its value is \$150,000.

During some alterations at the Kaiser's shooting lodge in Remington Forest in East Prussia, it was suggested to the Kaiser that some flower beds might be laid out in front of the windows of the Empress' apartments. "Good gracious, no!" replied his majesty. "What on earth would she want with garden flowers here in the middle of the forest? We only want the perfume of the pines here; that and the voices of the forest are sufficient for us."